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1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Mr. Kain	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
Lt. Col. Rogers	Navy
25X1A9a Maj. Rush	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)

2. The Army member stated that he had not yet received a reply from the Far Eastern Command relative to the [REDACTED] (Refer to Paragraph 9, NIS Committee Meeting No. 95.)

3. The Air Force member submitted proposals for revision of the Outline Guide for Section 63 (Air Forces). Members were requested to study these proposals which will be discussed by the Committee at its next meeting.

4. Members reported on the status of the contributions returned by D/B to their agencies for revision, as follows:

STATE	- NIS 11, Section 63	- Interior will complete revision in 2 weeks.
ARMY	- NIS 10, Section 31	- Return to CIA 15 Mar 51.
	NIS 31, Section 31	- Return to CIA 10 Mar 51.
	NIS 54, Section 31	- Return to CIA 1 Apr 51.
	NIS 10, Section 32	- Revision completed.
	NIS 35-36, Section 32	- Rescheduled for Dec 51.
	NIS 54, Section 32	- Return to CIA 1 Apr 51.
AIR FORCE-	NIS 65, Section 37	- Rescheduled for Jun 51.

5. State's proposals for revision of Outline Guides for Chapters IV, V, and VI were discussed in general terms. The Committee decided to defer consideration of these proposals until the next meeting to permit a more thorough analysis to be made.

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Mr. Kirkpatrick said he would keep the NIS Committee advised of situation so that NIS work might benefit from the files in the event the obtain them.

7. The Chairman reviewed the status of NIS production for February. In general, the Agencies produced only 50% of production requirements. Submitted 16 sections for February which was approximately 75% of requirement excluding a 7-section backlog. From an analysis of agency production figures the Chairman estimated that it would be two to three more months before the recent augmentation of agency capabilities would be reflected in finished productions. The members indicated that their own estimates were in general in line with the Chairman's analysis. The Army member stated that the situation at his own agency was better than at any time since last June. The Air Force member made similar observations. The Navy member was concerned over the personnel situation in his agency which continued to be uncertain and unclear. He stated that the Hydrographic Office was now setting up an indoctrination and training course for younger scientists in lieu of trying to obtain trained hydrographers and oceanographers from civilian institutions. The State member observed that while the long range recruitment program being developed by State was promising, the current situation in OIR in respect to the NIS staff was still unsatisfactory.

8. The Chairman again emphasized the importance of developing adequate production coordination and review capabilities within the Agencies. He observed that the continued qualitative deficiencies in agencies' contributions placed an unacceptable load on the Editorial, Review and Publication Staffs of D/B, resulting in long delays, unnecessary working conferences, and the return of too many contributions for reworking and revision. He further stated that, as a general procedure, the Agencies were expected to return fully satisfactory drafts following the review and working level conferences with D/B on the initial drafts. Since the Agencies had final responsibility for the substantive accuracy of their contributions, D/B would henceforth render only editorial review of revised drafts of contributions. The Committee agreed that this procedure was sound, and the members stated they would tighten up on agency review procedures.

9. The Chairman read a memorandum from the Chairman, Scientific Intelligence Committee to the Chairman, NIS Committee, subject: Revision NIS 26, Chapter

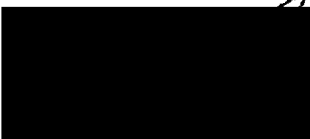
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of 1 March 1951. This memorandum indicated the status of production on revision of Chapter VII, USSR, and pointed out that subsections 72D (Antiaircraft Weapons & Equipment) and 72E (Ground Weapons & Equipment) were considerably behind schedule. However, a later report of 3 March 1951 from O/SI coordinator indicated that both subsections were to be made available by Army to CIA by 15 March 1951. The Committee considered this to be satisfactory and took no further action.

10. The Air Force member inquired into the possibility of obtaining the base map plates to satisfy a pressing requirement of the Aeronautical Chart Service for a more suitable base for their world-wide aeronautical charts. The Chairman indicated that favorable consideration would be given to the request. The Air Force member will submit a formal request for this material together with certain additional information. In the meantime, D/B will determine the availability of duplicate plates on all existing base maps.

11. The next meeting of the Committee will be held in CIA at 1000 hours on 13 March 1951.

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